**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services - PR&RD Department - Lokayuktha Complaint No.773/2017/B2 against Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Retired), Gambheeram Gram Panchayat of Anandapuram Mandal on un-authorised layouts in Payakaraopet GP, Visakhapatnam District - Disciplinary action initiated under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Imposing a Penalty of withholding 10% pension for a period of (5) years - Orders – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-III) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 265** **Dated: 16-04-2025**

**Read the following:**

1. From the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, Lr. Roc No.1984/2014, Dt:30.05.2015.
2. From the Commissioner, PR&RD Office Charge Memo.No.4901/ CPR&RD/G2/2015, Dt:28.10.2015.
3. Roc No:1984/2014/A4 dt:25-06-2015 of the District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam along with the explanation of Sri U.Venkata Rao, Pts. Secy. Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired), Dt.Nil.
4. Progs.No.4901/CPR&RD/G2/2015, O/o. Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Dt:29.04.2016.
5. From the Joint Collector-II, Visakhapatnam Dist., Letter No.8/2016/JA/JC-II, Dated:27.06.2017 (Inquiry Report).
6. O/o. Commissioner, PR&RD Memo. No.4901/CPR&RD/G1/2015, dt:18.07.2017.
7. RC No.1984/2014/A4 dt:01-09-2017 of the District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam district along with the explanation of Sri U Venkata Rao, dt: .2017.
8. From the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Letter No.1176209/6000/ CPR&RD/B1/2020, Dt.19.01.2022.
9. Govt. Memo. No. PRR01 - PR0PVIG(MISC)/1/2022-VIG-III, Dt.11.03.2025.
10. Explanation of Sri U.Venkata Rao, Pt. Secy.(Retd.), Gambheeram GP, Anandpuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Dt:24.03.2025

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Based on the report submitted by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam in the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., initiated disciplinary action in accordance with rules, framed article of charges as follows vide reference 2nd read above, against Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired), on the allegations of approval of unauthorized layouts in Payakaraopet Grama Panchayat, Visakhapatnam district:

**Charge-I:**

That Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Payakaraopeta Gram Panchayat of Payakaraopeta Mandai, had approved 11 ( Eleven )

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unauthorized layouts, without observing the instructions stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.67 PR&RD (Pts.IV) Department, dt.26.02.2002, thereby causing huge loss to the exchequer during his stint as Panchayat Secretary for the period from 10.02.2011 to 01.07.2012.

**Charge-II:**

That Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Payakaraopeta Gram Panchayat of Payakaraopeta Mandal, had abused his official position and approved 11 (Eleven) unauthorized layouts and also failed to restrict the cropping of unauthorized layouts, thereby depicting delinquency in his official duties.

2. After examining the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the charged Officer i.e., Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired) in the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P. had appointed the Additional Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam District as Inquiry Officer and Divisional Panchayat Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District as Presenting Officer to conduct inquiry into the charges, in the reference 4th read above.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Report was submitted duly reporting that the (2) charges framed against the charged Officer i.e., Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired) were held proved.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P. has communicated a copy of Inquiry Report to Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired) and in the reference 7th cited, the District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam district has furnished the explanation of the Charged Officer on the Inquiry Report.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P. has furnished the record of Inquiry in the case initiated against Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired), who was retired from service on 31.10.2018, to Government to take further action under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After examining the report of the Additional Joint Collector & Inquiry Officer, with reference to the explanation submitted by the charged officer and material available on record, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of (5) years on the charged Officer i.e., Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired) under Rule 9 of A .P Revised Pension Rules, 1980 since the charges framed against him were held proved.

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7. As envisaged in Rule 9 (2) (a) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the reference 9th read above, a show cause notice duly indicating the quantum of punishment was served on the Accused Officer. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted the explanation to Show Cause Notice.

8. Government after examination of the explanation of the Charged Officer, decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of (5) years on the charged Officer viz., i.e., Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired).

9. Having consideration of facts of the case, Government hereby impose penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of (5) years against Sri U.Venkata Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District (Now Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rule, 1980 on the proven allegation of approval of unauthorized layouts in Payakaraopet Panchayat, Visakhapatnam district while functioning as Panchayat Secretary, Payakaraopet Panchayat, Visakhapatnam district.

10. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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The Additional Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam District- for n/a.
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